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said area having weighing means for determining the weight of chips placed thereon;  
said betting chips employed in said system comprising a plurality of different denominations, each denomination having a weight range which is different from every other denomination and being selected so that no combination of betting chips have a total weight which equals the weight of any one betting chip.

2. (Amended) The betting system of claim 1, wherein the range of weights of the betting chips are further selected so that a first group of chips whose denominations total a given monetary value has a weight which is different from a second group of betting chips whose total monetary value is equal to said given value and wherein said second group comprises a greater number of betting chips than said first group.

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4. (Amended) The betting system of claim 3 wherein said chips of one, five, twenty-five and one-hundred monetary units have mid-range weights of  $x$  units;  $x+1$  unit;  $x+6.4$  units; and  $x + 26.3$  units respectively.

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11. (Amended) A method of incorporating one of a conventional bet, consecutive win side bet and a progressive bet into a game of chance utilizing betting chips of different

denominations, each chip of a denomination being of a different weight from every other chip denomination, said method comprising the steps of:

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- a) at least one player wagering at least one chip to participate in the game of chance;
  - b) said at least one player further wagering at least one chip on a consecutive wins or losses bet;
  - c) determining the weight of the step (b) wager;
  - d) converting the weight determined at step (c) to a monetary value;
  - e) presenting a display of a payoff amount according to pre-programmed payoff odds which correspond to different values of the prospective consecutive wins or losses of step (b); and
  - f) providing a winning indication when number of consecutive wins or losses originally selected in step (b) is equaled.
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A5 15. (Amended) The method of claim 11 further comprising:

- g) covering the consecutive wins bet made during step (b) within a receptacle during a consecutive win play period.

16. (Amended) The method of claim 15 further comprising:

h) uncovering the bet covered during step (g) when either a player has achieved a number of consecutive wins equal to a selected number or when a player loses a game prior to achieving the selected number of consecutive wins.

17. (Amended) The method of claim 16 further comprising flashing said display generated during step (e) when a player having made the bet of step (a) has won a number of consecutive games equal to the selected wins number.

18. (Amended) The method of claim 17 wherein step of flashing said display further includes making an audible alarm contemporaneously with flashing of said display.

19. (Amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising:

(g) determining the weight of the chip wagered in step (a);

(h) converting the weight of the chip determined in step (g) into a monetary value;

and

(i) storing the value obtained at step (h) for subsequent analysis.

21. (Amended) The method of claim 19 wherein at least two chips are wagered at step (b) and further comprising:

- (j) performing steps (g) and (h) for each chip in sequential fashion; and
- (k) summing the monetary values obtained to determine the total monetary value.

22. (Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein at least two chips are wagered at step (a) and further comprising:

- (g) determining a total weight of the chips wagered during step (a); and
- (h) determining the monetary value of the total weight obtained in step (g).

24. (Amended) The method of claim 22 further comprising:

- (i) converting the total weight to into an analog signal and converting the analog signal into a digital signal for use at step (h).

30. (Amended) The combination of claim 29 wherein all of said chips, regardless of weight, are the same size.

AG 38. (Amended) A betting unit comprising:

- a chip receptacle;
- a transparent cover moveable between a first position above said chip receptacle and second position displaced from said chip receptacle;
- a housing for said chip receptacle having an opening above said chip receptacle and a surrounding marginal lip extending inwardly from said opening;
- elevator means for movably supporting said chip receptacle between an upper and a lower position respectively closer to and further away from said housing opening;
- drive means;
- first means responsive to operation of said drive means for moving said cover between said first and second positions;
- second means responsive to operation of said drive means for moving said elevator means between said upper and said lower positions, said first and second means being so interrelated as to lower said chip receptacle when said cover is being moved to said first position, raise said elevator when said cover reaches said first position, to press a marginal notch in said cover into engagement with the marginal lip of the housing and lower the elevator to provide clearance for said cover when being moved from said first position to said second position; and

A<sup>9</sup> said chip receptacle including a weighing sensor for determining a weight of a chip placed thereon.

A<sup>10</sup> 42. (Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the game of chance is poker and further including the steps of:

g) providing an indication of initiation of a game when at least one player has performed steps (a) and (b);

h) covering the chip or coin wagered during step (b) responsive to the indication provided at step (e);

i) dealing each player who has performed at least step (a) and a dealer with a given number of cards;

j) paying off winning players and removing all wagers made at step (a) for all losing players;

k) providing a Loss button at each player's position;

l) operating a Loss button at a player's position of a player who has performed step (b) and has lost a game; and

m) removing the display of the player whose Loss button was operated at step (l) and removing the wager made by said player during step (b).

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A10 43. (Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the game of chance is craps and further including the steps of:

g) paying off winning players and removing all wagers made at step (a) for all losing players at an end of a game; and

h) providing a Loss button at each player's position; and

i) operating a Loss button at a player's position of a player who has performed step (a) and has lost a game; and

j) removing the display of the player whose Loss button was operated at step (i) and removing the wager made by said player during step (b).

A11 45. (Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the game of chance is roulette and further including the steps of:

g) providing an indication of initiation of a game when at least one player has performed step (a);

h) covering the chip or coin wagered during step (b) responsive to the indication provided at step (f);

i) operating a roulette wheel;



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- j) paying off winning players and removing all wagers made at step (a) for all losing players;
  - k) providing a Loss button at each player's position;
  - l) operating a Loss button at a player's position of a player who has performed step (b) and has lost a game; and
  - m) removing the display of the player whose Loss button was operated at step (l) and removing the wager made by said player during step (b).
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49. (Amended) A method of incorporating one of a consecutive win (or loss) side bet into a game of chance utilizing betting chips of different denominations, a weight of each different chip denomination being different from a weight of every other chip denomination, said method comprising the steps of:

- a) at least one player wagering at least one chip to participate in the game of chance;
- b) said player making the wager of step (a) further wagering at least one chip or said side bet;
- c) determining the weight of the chip wagered at step (b);
- d) converting the weight determined at step (c) to a monetary value;